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To: John Aronson[john.aronson@aata.com]
From: Brogden, Rose
Sent: Mon 8/10/2015 8:06:27 PM
Subject: Re: Animas River Situation

EPA is committed to working closely with response agencies and state and local officials to ensure the safety of citizens, respond to concerns and to evaluate impact to water contaminated by the Gold King Mine Release. EPA is sharing information as quickly as possible with the public as experts work to evaluate any effects the spill may have on drinking water, public health, agriculture, fish and wildlife. Please see our website for the latest information: <http://www2.epa.gov/region8/gold-king-mine-release-emergency-response>
Regular updates will be posted as they are available.

From: John Aronson <john.aronson@aata.com>
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 2:50 PM
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Dear Mr. McGrath:

I am a consulting limnologist (fresh water ecologist) with extensive experience on fate, transport, uptake, impact, and risk of trace metals from mining in the aquatic environment. I have been a professional environmental consultant since 1973. I founded AATA International, Inc. which is an environmental management, permitting and technical services firm. We are located next to you at 1400 Wewatta Street. Let me know if we can contribute to evaluation of the ECOSYSTEM RESILIENCY of the Animas, which would help ameliorate false claims of impact to the Animas River Ecosystem. We utilize such excellent organisms as DIATOMS to monitor health and recovery of river ecosystems by comparing various strategic sampling locations using natural and artificial substrates. We have exceptional experience in technical litigation support and working with attorneys.

See a classic paper by Ruth Patrick

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Let me know if we can make a presentation to you, as time is of the essence.

Sincerely,

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